REMARKS

This is in response to the first Office Action of December 17, 2003. By this Amendment, claims 35, 36, 48, 50-53, 55-58, 60-68 and 76-84 have been cancelled and new claims 85-89 have been added. Several of the claims have been amended, including each of the now remaining four independent claims 25, 38, 54 and 69. Thus, claims 25-32, 34, 37-47, 49, 54, 59, 69-75, and new claims 85-89 are in the application for further examination.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time to file this Amendment is attached.

In the first Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 36 and rejected claims 54, 66, 73, and 82 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 36, 66, and 82 have been cancelled. Claims 54 and 73 have been amended to avoid any objectionable subject matter.

Of the four independent claims remaining in the application, claims 25, 38 and 69 were originally rejected as anticipated by the Boyle U.S. Patent No. 5,577,209. Independent claim 54 was rejected as obvious over Boyle in view of the Holden U.S. Patent No. 5,828,832. With the amendments now made, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and the rejections be withdrawn.

The primary reference to Boyle has several distinctions over the present invention. However, only one distinction will be emphasized herein. Specifically, the present invention enables a user to select one of a plurality of user profiles out of a group of user profiles that was authorized or set by the security officer, and the network security controller then downloads or sends to the security device the user profile that was selected by

the user. This is in contrast to the Boyle patent where the security manager sets or selects the operation and configuration of the interface units. No mechanism is provided for enabling the user to select one of a plurality of user profiles that have been preauthorized for the user. In the present invention, the security device is cleared and remains cleared, unless and until a user selects a specific user profile out of a plurality of user profiles that have been authorized for the user.

This user selectability provides for a dynamic system that is distinct from that of the Boyle patent. Each of the independent claims now recite this dynamic system and, for this reason alone, the claims are in condition for allowance. The inclusion of the Holden reference with respect to claim 54 does not make obvious the claim, even if Holden could be combined with Boyle.

Thus, independent claim 25 emphasizes that the network security controller can generate a plurality of user profiles for a single user, at least one user profile defines a plurality of destinations, and the security devices will receive the user profiles **as selected by the user**. Dependent claims 26-32, 34, 37, 59, and 85-87 provide further distinctions.

Independent claim 38 recites a method whereby the network security controller generates a plurality of user profiles for a single user, at least one of which has multiple destinations, and sends one of the profiles to the host computer, **as selected by the user**. Dependent claims 39-45, 47, and 49 provide further distinctions.

Independent claim 54 emphasizes that the network security controller enables a security officer to generate a plurality of user profiles for at least one user, the security device receiving the user profiles from the
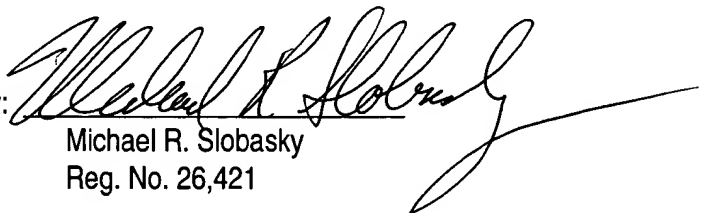
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security officer, and the security device permitting an authorized user to select one of the plurality of profiles, which are sent by the network security controller. Dependent claims 88 and 89 provide further distinctions.

Independent claim 69 recites a method of setting a plurality of user profiles at one or more security devices to enable a user to select one of a plurality of user profiles and the network security controller forwards the selected user profile to the security device. Dependent claims 70, 71, and 73-75 recite further distinctions.

Thus, this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys so that an early Notice of Allowance can be received.

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